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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

25 March 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL MARTIN

SUBJECT: Monthly Forecast of the NRO Air and Satellite Activities

On 21 March 1963, Mr. McCone discussed the problem of monthly forecasts with Dr. McMillan and suggested these publications be disseminated by the NRO. The monthly forecast had been published by the CIA and I understand you had discussed this dissemination by CIA with Dr. Charyk some months ago.

On 22 March, I was assigned the task of disseminating the first NRO monthly forecast which had to be in the hands of the addressees by COB that evening. Colonel Worthman discussed this dissemination with Colonel Giller who sent over his drafts in excellent order; even including the changes required for NRO dissemination. We did make one change in the satellite schedule -- the chart showed one MURAL mission between the dates 1-30 April, inclusive. The MURAL mission scheduled for late in March had, in the meantime, been rescheduled for 1 April, thus changing the forecast of missions scheduled in April (1 MURAL mission on the 1st of April, and the second mission scheduled for the 22nd).

Colonel Worthman and I discussed this forecast with Dr. McMillan and it was decided that he should sign the three copies going to the three principal addressees. After obtaining his signatures, Captain Lisciotti couriered the copies we had to the White House and State Dept, etc. Colonel Giller was called and notified of the change from 1 to 2 MURAL missions in April; and he said he would make the appropriate changes in the remaining copies he had for his distribution. Prior to obtaining Dr. McMillan's signatures, I talked with Colonel Worthman on the subject of whether BRASS KNOB missions should be added to the list of NRO air activities. He suggested that I discuss the subject with Col Steakley.

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I talked to Colonel Steakley for about one half hour late Friday afternoon, and he said in 1000 words or more - NO. Apparently, the topic of BRASS KNOB missions, being strictly under DOD control is one of his pet subjects. He showed me several memos from McGeorge Bundy, etc., dated between the 12th and 14th of October 1962, which he interpreted conclusively that DOD and not NRO was responsible for BRASS KNOB missions. My discussions with Colonel Steakley lead me to believe that the subject of BRASS KNOB missions being incorporated into the NRO forecast, will require great pressure.

When we showed the Forecast to DNRO, he immediately asked about the BRASS KNOB material. Upon hearing Colonel Steakley's reaction, DNRO pointed out that the NRO is responsible for all overflight missions, and that this had been personally confirmed upon query to Dr. Baker. He said, "This must be straightened out. You see what the Staff can do with Steakley on this. If you aren't successful, I'll talk to him."

Now that we have the first Forecast delivered, we must plan for subsequent forecasting. The forecast for satellite activities can be obtained within the NRO from Colonel Lowe prior to a deadline date each month. The DD/R should be requested to provide the NRO (ATTN: [redacted] with the air activities forecast for each month.

I have been assigned the task of disseminating this Forecast each month for the NRO.

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cc: Col Worthman

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~~(S)~~ NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

Washington, D. C.

MEMORANDUM FOR : Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

: The Deputy Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs

: The Deputy Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT : Forecast of NRO Air and Satellite Activities for _____

Attached are forecasts of NRO overflight activities for the month of _____.

BROCKWAY McMILLAN
Director
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